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Mr. and Mrs. Donald McLaughlin and small son arrived from the East Thursday and will be here until after New Year's with Mrs. McLaughlin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Percy B. Eckhart, 206 Cumberland avenue, Kenilworth.

Wilson DeCamp, 615 Abbottsford road, returned to Kenilworth last Friday from the University of Indiana for the Christmas holidays.

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Mark Cresap, 239 Essex road, came home from Hill school to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Cresap of Kenilworth.

**BLAZE AT STADIUM****Wooden Form for Concrete Destroyed by Flames in Spectacular Blaze at Midnight Saturday**

Fire, probably caused by an overheated salamander at the top of the south ramp-tower of the west stand of Northwestern university's new two million dollar stadium, completely destroyed concrete forms and otherwise caused damage to the extent of nearly \$10,000 at midnight Saturday. Firemen, responding from both the Grove and Central street stations to an alarm turned in by a chance passer-by, engaged in a two-hour battle before the blaze was finally subdued while a crowd, estimated at several thousand people, soon jammed all of that section of the stadium fronting on Central street.

As the trucks from Grove street, under the direction of Fire Chief A. N. Hofstetter arrived on the scene, flames shooting skyward to a height of 150 feet were visible for miles around and it was soon found necessary to summon all equipment from headquarters and station number 3. Two motor pumps, hastily coupled-in at nearby hydrants, were soon throwing water at the rate of 600 gallons a minute. Meanwhile ladders had been erected against the west side of the tower and, with a slight breeze fanning the sparks and flames directly into their faces, the men bent their efforts toward confining the flames to the tower and toward saving the wooden forms along the entire west stand. As a result possible far greater damage was avoided.

Work on the stadium had been progressing steadily since the last game and the first balcony had been practically completed. During the cold weather, salamanders, tanks constructed so as to allow an open fire to be built in them, were used to keep the green concrete from freezing and to provide some degree of comfort for the men. It was from one of these, it is thought, that the fire started.

J. B. French, the contractor who is building the stadium and who resides at 901 Chestnut avenue, Wilmette, was out of town at the time of the fire and has not as yet returned. As a result it has been impossible to obtain a statement from him as to the extent and nature of the damage. Nevertheless, it is thought probable that it will be necessary to tear out a portion of the already completed tower in order to replace the structural steel that was twisted or destroyed by the heat. Work toward that end will begin at once, according to the men in charge.

Phillip Burnham, 536 Roslyn road, is home for the holidays from Canterbury school, New Medford, Conn., and James and David Burnham are home from Princeton.

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